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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN SPAIN AND
GOALS IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT

REF: A) MADRID 1664, B) STATE 295594

1. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS THE EMBASSY FOR ITS COMPREHENSIVE
AND EXTREMELY USEFUL OVERVIEW OF THE SPANISH SITUATION
AND U.S.-SPANISH BILATERAL RELATIONS IN REF (A).
INTERAGENCY GROUP MET APRIL 11 TO REVIEW THE EMBASSY'S
ASSESSMENT. THE GROUP CONFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF THE
DECEMBER 1977 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT IN REF (B),
AND APPROVED THE GOALS IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (PARA 4)
BELOW.

2. PARTICIPANTS AGREED WITH EMBASSY VIEW THAT, DESPITE
PRESSING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THE TOUGH POLITICAL
HURDLES WHICH REMAIN, THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE GROUNDS FOR
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OPTIMISM.

3. OUR BILATERAL MILITARY RELATION-
SHIP WAS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH. WE ARE PLANNING
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND WILL ADDRESS THE EMBASSY'S
OBSERVATIONS THIS SUBJECT MORE SPECIFICALLY IN A FUTURE
MESSAGE.

4. GOALS IMPLEMENTATION - SPAIN

IN IMPLEMENTING ESTABLISHED GOALS, THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF WILL:

-- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, BOTH IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC;

-- MAINTAIN CURRENT HIGH LEVELS OF CONTACT WITH THE UCD AND WITH ALL OTHER IMPORTANT DEMOCRATIC GROUPS; PREVIOUS POLICY REGARDING CONTACTS WITH THE PCE IS CONFIRMED; CONTINUE TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS WITH THE PSOE LEADERSHIP TO HELP THEM ATTAIN A MORE SOPHISTICATED APPRECIATION OF U.S. POLICIES, WESTERN DEFENSE INTERESTS, SPAIN'S COMMON SHARING WITH THE REST OF THE WEST OF A BROAD SPECTRUM OF INTERESTS AND GOALS AND TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHENEVER THE PSOE MIGHT COME TO POWER IN SPAIN;

-- MAKE FULL USE OF EXCHANGE, AMERICAN SPECIALIST, AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION, ESPECIALLY BY REACHING INFLUENTIAL INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL OPINION-FORMERS AND POLITICAL AND LABOR FIGURES; EXPLORE HOW U.S. SPECIALISTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COULD HELP BY CONTRIBUTING TO EFFECTIVE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE REGIONS;
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-- CONTINUE TO EXPAND BROAD EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH THE SPANISH INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY AND ENCOURAGE CONTACTS THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS;

-- SUPPORT EFFORTS OF THE SPANISH AND OF AMERICAN LABOR AND OTHER GROUPS TO DEVELOP FREE TRADE UNIONISM IN SPAIN;

-- WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE 1976 BILATERAL TREATY IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THAT OUR DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP REMAINS STABLE AND HEALTHY, AND THAT SPANIARDS PERCEIVE THIS RELATIONSHIP AS POSITIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL;

-- CONTINUE THE SUPPORTIVE DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIGURES REGARDING A SPANISH DECISION TO JOIN NATO; ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT OF OUR NATO PARTNERS IN THIS DIALOGUE; AND BEGIN IN-HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF THE SHAPE OF THE U.S.-SPANISH DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP IN LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE NATO MEMBERSHIP QUESTION;

-- ASSIST IN NEGOTIATION OF A REVISED BILATERAL NUCLEAR

COOPERATION AGREEMENT;

-- MONITOR AND REPORT PROGRESS OF SPAIN'S ECONOMIC
RECOVERY AND REFORM EFFORTS; REPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
U.S. TO BE HELPFUL EITHER BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY
WITH OTHER WESTERN ALLIES. VANCE

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